

Used Oil and HHW Grants Bulletin



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Grant News

Household Hazardous Waste Grants

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Local Government Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grants for fiscal year 2002/03 will be sent out at the end of January.



These grants are awarded on a competitive basis and focus on the collection and management of HHW. Priority will be given to applicants who: establish a new program for HHW collection in rural areas and/or small cities; establish a multijurisdictional HHW program that addresses regional needs; have not received an HHW grant award during the last two cycles; establish an HHW collection program and/or an HHW collection education program targeting underserved populations; or expand existing programs or initiates a new HHW program to include collection of E-waste, U-waste, or paint.

Approximately \$3.0 million in grant funds will be available. Individual jurisdictions may request up to \$150,000 and regional groups (two or more cities/counties) may request up to \$300,000. The grant term will be from September 1, 2002, through March 31, 2005.

Applications are expected to be available on the CIWMB's Web site after January 30, 2002, at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/HHW/Grants/. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 5, 2002. For more information, contact Eric Brown at (916) 341-6459 or Pat McDermott at (916) 341-6452.

Used Oil Opportunity Grants

The NOFA for the Local Government Used Oil Opportunity Grants for fiscal year 2001/02 was issued in November 2001. However, Board Members modified the application scoring criteria at the December 11, 2001, Board Meeting to reflect the Board's commitment to "green" procurement. To demonstrate this commitment, grant criterion seven—Evidence of a Recycled-Content Purchasing Policy or Directive—was assigned 15 percent of the possible points. Because of this change, the application due date has been extended to January 25, 2002.



These grants are also awarded on a competitive basis and focus on assisting local governments in establishing or enhancing permanent, sustainable used oil recycling programs. Priority will be given to applicants who: propose to establish or expand programs to include collection of used oil and/or filters from curbside, boaters, or agricultural land; have not received an opportunity grant in the prior cycle; or propose to establish an oil collection program and/or an oil collection education program targeting a non-English speaking and/or underserved population.

Approximately \$5.8 million in grant funds are available. Individual jurisdictions may request up to \$300,000 and regional groups may request up to \$700,000. The grant term will be from May 1, 2002, to April 15, 2004. For additional information, contact Carla Repucci at (916) 341-6443 or Theresa Bober at (916) 341-6465.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web site at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/.

Used Oil Recycling Block Grants

The application for the Used Oil Recycling Block Grants (Eighth Cycle) for fiscal year 2002/03 was distributed on January 4, 2002. The grant term will be from July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2005. Listed below are changes for this cycle:

- Added "stormwater mitigation" as a Reporting and Expenditure Category. Potentially, the allowable expenses include installation and maintenance of stormwater filters. Before using block grant funds on this expenditure category, you must have a used oil collection and education program in place, and you must certify that the local Regional Water Quality Control Board approves the stormwater program. Additional details and qualifications will be provided at the time of the grant award.
- Reduced reporting requirements for all grantees. Draft reporting requirements will be available for review and comment at the used oil forum January 29th and 30th. We welcome all feedback from grantees; this is your opportunity to help improve the program.
- Increased emphasis on reporting do-it-yourselfer (DIY) oil and filter volumes collected. Although this has been a requirement for some time, previous reporting directions did not emphasize that only DIY oil (no service bay oil) should be reported.

Also worth noting are changes made to reporting requirements. The following applies to future reports.

- For the February 15th progress report, you have the option of providing just a completed Expenditure Itemization Summary (EIS) for expenses made July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001, rather than the full report. The full report including a narrative is due for the August 15th progress report (covering July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002).

- Beginning with the Sixth Cycle Block Grants, a complete EIS now includes a line item for interest accrued from the 90 percent advance.
- As you close out your Sixth Cycle Block Grant, be sure to include an EIS showing that the following have been fully expended:
 1. Remaining amount from advanced 90 percent funding.
 2. Retained 10 percent. Submit a completed payment request form to be reimbursed or request the 10 percent on your final EIS. Be sure to have the designated signature authority sign the EIS.
 3. Interest accrued throughout the life of the grant.
- On your last Sixth Cycle progress report, include a completed Recycled Content Certification form for premiums purchased with Sixth Cycle funds.
- Beginning with fiscal year 2001/02 (Seventh Cycle) funds, be sure to complete a premium purchase request form before ordering premiums. Submit the form along with proposed artwork to your grant manager for approval. The form also identifies some exceptions.

All forms are available on the CIWMB Web site at: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/UsedOil/ (select the "Forms" link from the used oil page).



Meetings

2002 Used Oil Forum Around the Corner

The Board's Used Oil Recycling Program will host the Used Oil Forum in Sacramento on **January 29 and 30, 2002**. The forum will be held at the Radisson Hotel and the California Environmental Protection Agency's headquarters building in downtown Sacramento.

To register, you can call 1-800-858-7743 or go to the Web site at: www.rce.csus.edu:91/ciwmb/ciwmb_reg.html.

2002 Statewide HHW and Used Oil Conference

The Seventh Annual Statewide Household Hazardous Waste and Used Oil Conference will be held May 21–24, 2002, at the Holiday Inn Beach Resort in Ventura. Training sessions will be held on May 20–21, 2002, at the same location. This year's theme is "Making the Connection."

Registration material will be available after March 1, 2002, on the list server at hhwie@yahoo.com and will be sent out by mail to all used oil grant recipients. You can also contact Tracy Garrett, conference coordinator, at tracy4cwa@aol.com.

California HHW Information Exchanges

Information exchange meetings are held every other month in northern and southern California. Here are the upcoming meeting locations/dates:

West Covina	January 9
County of Fresno	January 16
Santa Clara	March 6
Rancho Cucamonga	March 13

Note: No meetings are scheduled in May due to the statewide HHW and used oil conference.

Assistance

Boating Videos Still Available

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project produced the *Our Playground Their World—Tips For Clean Boating* video with funding from a CIWMB Used Oil Non-Profit grant. The video shows how you can prevent sewage and oily water discharges, recycle hazardous waste, and maintain your boat while protecting the environment. Videos are still available. Please call Peni Salabogi of the CIWMB at (916) 341-6442 to receive your free copy today.

Information

E-Waste Update



E-waste is a rapidly growing component in the waste stream. These products may contain toxic materials that require proper management as well as valuable resources that should

be recovered. Cathode ray tubes (CRT) in computer monitors, television sets, and other devices (e-waste) cannot be disposed in solid waste landfills and must be diverted to processors or handled as hazardous waste. The Board recognizes that State guidance is needed regarding proper management of the e-waste stream.

An internal CIWMB e-waste working group has been formed and is working to coordinate and strengthen the Board's overall response to the various aspects of the e-waste issue. Board divisions or offices with an interest in e-waste are represented on the working group. The working group chair will also participate in an interagency e-waste working group now being organized by CalEPA.

Currently, the Board has many ongoing efforts to address the e-waste issue including: an Electronic Product Management Web site to provide information and resources on properly buying, using, and managing electronic equipment; Recycling Market Development Zone program assistance to electronic equipment recycling businesses looking to expand or site new facilities in California; grants to local governments for HHW programs; participation in the National Electronic Product Stewardship Initiative (NEPSI); a study on the baseline e-waste generation and processing infrastructure; and assistance to local enforcement agencies regarding e-waste management.

There is a large stockpile of computer monitors and televisions stored in homes throughout California. Some processors are deciding not to accept e-waste that contains CRT due to handling and

transportation costs. California's current infrastructure may be inadequate to process the amount of CRT-containing equipment expected to enter the e-waste stream through 2006. A new study—titled *Selected E-Waste Diversion in California: A Baseline Study*—is available on the CIWMB Web site (www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Publications/default.asp?pubid=933).

For more information on e-waste, visit the CIWMB website at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Electronics/.

Legislation Update

Here is a summary of four bills that the Legislature passed during the 2001 legislative session that might affect your program.

AB 1187: (Simitian) This bill was signed and took effect on January 1, 2002. Of interest to grantees is that AB 1187 removed the gallon limit for certified collection centers. Certified centers can accept more than 20 gallons of used oil (for example; agricultural and small quantity generators) from a person per day. This means that centers that accept larger quantities can be certified and accept those responsibilities and benefits if they choose.

AB 1187 also raised the cap on the amount of funds that the CIWMB can utilize for HHW grants annually if approved by the Legislature in the budget. The cap was raised from \$3 million to \$5 million if funds are available. While this does not guarantee that increased awards can be made in the near future, it does give the CIWMB the authority to do so if funds are available.

SB 470: (Sher) This was an omnibus bill that made technical and clarifying changes to the Health and Safety Code. It was passed as an urgency measure and is already in effect. Of interest to grantees, this bill raised the transportation limit for used oil from 20 gallons to 55 gallons. Therefore, variances will no longer be necessary to transport more than 20 gallons (up to 55 gallons) of used oil to a collection center. This coincides with the changes in AB 1187 regarding the 20-gallon limit

for certified collection centers. It is hoped that this will encourage more agricultural centers and other centers that accept oil from other target groups to become certified centers.

SB 633: (Sher) The Mercury Reduction Act of 2001 contains many provisions dealing with efforts to reduce the amount of mercury released into the environment. However, there was no funding mechanism for the handling of these mercury-containing materials contained in the bill. In summary, SB 633:

- Prohibits the sale of mercury-containing thermometers to the public without a prescription after July 1, 2002.
- Prohibits the sale or distribution after January 1, 2003, of mercury-added consumer products (shoes, toys, etc).
- Prohibits schools from purchasing products or materials containing mercury for classroom use unless the school district can justify that no reasonable alternative exists.
- Prohibits for sale after January 1, 2005, any vehicle that contains a mercury-containing light switch.
- Adds that a violation of the proper management of appliance and vehicle switches containing mercury is a violation of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code.

SB 1158: (Knight) SB 1158, which took effect January 1, 2002, allows the universal waste rule to apply to used aerosol cans that are handled in a manner to prevent fire, explosion, and unauthorized release of any component into the environment. It also establishes detailed requirements and specifications including training, spill cleanup equipment, and written operating procedures. The author hopes that this bill will allow for the safer and more efficient processing of waste aerosol cans.